

LEAD WINS SHINGO PRIZE AGAIN

Army's Only Two-Time Winner

Letterkenny has again won the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, the only Army Depot to win this top-flight award two years in a row.

The depot won the Silver 2006 award for work on tactical vehicles, specifically the High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV). The 2005 award was for Patriot.

The 2006 Shingo Prize Public Sector Award is offered for achievement in implementing lean systems in support of the maintenance, repair, and overhaul of Warfighter equipment.

"The 2006 recipients are not only saving American taxpayers' money, but increasing the quality and availability of military weapons that protect Americans at home and Soldier abroad," said North American Shingo Prize Director Ross Robson.

"I am very proud of our folks in AMC whose extraordinary efforts are providing our Warfighters with the highest quality equipment, ahead of schedule and at a reduced cost. The Shingo Award recognizes the extraordinary performance by our depot workforce—for it is the workers on the shop floor who are using Lean and Six Sigma techniques to enable us to better meet the needs of our men and women serving on point for our Nation around the world fighting the global war on terror," said General Benjamin S. Griffin, AMC commanding general.

AMC organizations are evaluated by on-site examiners and scored in the following areas: cost improvement; leadership; empowerment; vision and strategy; innovation and development; partnering practices with suppliers and customers; environmental practices; quality and results; and consistent improvement in each of those areas, according to Shingo Prize officials.

Organizations will receive their award at the 2nd Annual Shingo Prize Public Sector Conference in September in Las Vegas. A ceremony to commemorate this prize will be scheduled this fall at the HMMWV line in Building 350.

The Shingo Prize is managed by Utah State University's College of Business.



HMMWV workers in Bldg. 350.



HMMWV line in Bldg. 350.



COL ROBERT A. SWENSON

Commander's Corner

Whether we work on the HMMWV line or not, all of us should take great pride in winning the 2006 Shingo Prize Public Service award for the second year in a row.

As you know, Letterkenny is the only Army installation to win the award twice. Each of you should be proud. Whether you work directly on the HMMWV, or otherwise support the missions of the depot, every employee has played a role in the great teamwork that won this Silver Shingo prize. To win this award takes a team effort and affects to entire team. We are already using things that we learned in Patriot and on the HMMWV line to improve operations all over the Depot. Your growing reputation as a world class manufacturing operation has already brought us new work and will continue to do so.

Lean and Six Sigma efficiencies have reduced turnaround time and allowed the depot to produce 27 extra HMMWV's a month at no cost. These are 27 vehicles that Soldiers would not otherwise have.

The depot has enjoyed some national and worldwide visibility this summer.

The Joint Technology Exchange Group, about 75 maintenance experts from around the country, attended the three day conference hosted by Letterkenny. They met at the Orchards in Chambersburg and toured the depot.

A Patriot Recapitalization conference was hosted by Letterkenny. Contractor and government entities involved with Patriot

gathered at the Eisenhower Conference Center and Resort in Gettysburg.

Recently about 50 people who use GETS test equipment gathered in Chambersburg from around the world. Letterkenny is a large user of GETS test equipment on Patriot and Hawk and hosts this conference each year, sponsored by Lockheed Martin.

We had a great visit and good discussions with Congressman Shuster and General Griffin, Commanding General of Army Materiel Command. Accompanying them were Mr. Gary Motsek, AMC G-3 for Support Operations and COL Catherine Haight, Chairman of the Commanding General's Initiatives Group. We had good discussions on future depot workload, partnership initiatives and General Griffin mentioned several times that he was proud that Letterkenny has been the lead depot on Lean and Six Sigma and congratulated all the employees.

SGM Green and his committee are finalizing plans for Organization Day on September 21. Two dollar tickets will be sold within directorates for this steak dinner at the Letterkenny Recreation Area starting at noon. This charge is assessed for accurate food counts and to ensure attendance.

As we approach the upcoming Labor Day weekend, I hope you will spend time with your family, have fun and, most importantly, remain safe. Dan Kuhn has been sending out e-mails lately spotlighting recent accidents that often could have been prevented. Take time to think about the activities you will be involved in and do them safely. And, above all, don't drink and drive.

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CONGRESSMAN SHUSTER – GENERAL GRIFFIN VISIT LEAD

Congressman Bill Shuster (9-PA) and General Benjamin Griffin spent the morning of August 14 at Letterkenny.

Griffin, Commanding General of U. S. Army Materiel Command was joined by COL Catherine Haight, Director of the CG Initiatives Group and Mr. Gary Motsek, AMC's G-3, Support Operations.



GEN Griffin, Cong. Shuster, COL Swenson and Mr. Motsek

The Congressman and General discussed workload for the depot as well as partnership opportunities and other issues.

They toured the HMMWV line in Building 350 and noted that Letterkenny is the Army's only two-time Shingo Prize award winner in the public service category.



The group then toured Building 13 to view the partnership between the depot and Lockheed-Martin on TADS/PNVS—the night vision equipment on the Apache helicopter before returning to the Headquarters building.



GEN Griffin and Cong. Shuster inspect TADS/PNVS (a partnership between Lockheed Martin and Letterkenny) in Bldg. 13.

During a working lunch, General Griffin discussed safety and modernization issues with the depot commander and directors.



Colonel Swenson presented Congressman Shuster a framed article that Cong Shuster had published in Special Operations Technology.



**UNITED STATES ARMY
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AUG 04 2006

Colonel Robert A. Swenson
Commander
Letterkenny Army Depot
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Dear Colonel *Bob* Swenson:

Congratulations on the outstanding results of the 2006 Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing award competition. Letterkenny Army Depot's receipt of the Shingo Silver Award for the HMMWV Recapitalization program reflects the high standards you set and maintain in lean manufacturing. Your entire team should be proud of this accomplishment.

Thanks for your leadership and commitment.

Sincerely,

*Couldnt be more
proud of you
and your team.
thanks*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Peter J. Schoomaker".

Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army



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THE GOVERNOR

July 19, 2006

Colonel Robert A. Swenson, Commander
Letterkenny Army Depot
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Dear Colonel Swenson:

I congratulate you and the men and women of Letterkenny Army Depot for receiving for the second consecutive year the Shingo Public Sector Silver Award. This award, which has been compared to the Nobel Prize in Manufacturing, represents a high level of consistency in accomplishments and one in which the entire Letterkenny Army Depot community can take great pride. Letterkenny is the only Army depot to successfully achieve this recognition for two consecutive years. In fact, Letterkenny has won this award each year since the competition was opened to public sector organizations.

Letterkenny Army Depot continues to make significant strides in its ability to provide military value to our commonwealth and nation. Letterkenny continues their very impressive mission—orientation, growth, productivity, savings, and overall mission accomplishment. Your customer satisfaction remains very high and again contributed to the receipt of this distinguished award.

It is a privilege to have such a world class facility in Pennsylvania. I wish you and the men and women of the depot continued success as Letterkenny leads the military in manufacturing through world class service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell
Governor

SCHOOL/FOOD DRIVE

By Jessica Koerth, PAO Summer Student

LEAD employees, tenants, and Letterkenny Munitions Center employees once again showed their community support in the second annual Summer School Supplies and Food Drive, which was held on July 25th and 26th.

The drive was led by Ms. Dawn Hamsher, Mr. Jim Jenkins and Ms. Angie Coons and sponsored by the Letterkenny Special Emphasis Committee. There were twenty-eight volunteers including four from Boy Scout Troop 138. On both days the drive went from 0530-0730 and volunteers were waiting at different areas on the depot. Big red barrels, supplied by DPW, awaited employees through the Main Gate and the Wisconsin Gate, as well as around some buildings. Employees were able to drop off different supplies in order to help out those in need.



Fire Chief Dan Byers collects at Main Gate (top) while Boy Scout Troop 138 members Adam and Alex Fennen and Geoffrey Cooper worked with Sergeant Major Curtis Green near Bldg. 350.

When all was said and done the collections were phenomenal. With the help of everyone, the depot Special Emphasis Committee collected \$895.30 that went toward purchasing needed food and school supplies. That amount is a \$212.53 increase since last year's first drive. Also collected were 46 bags of food that will go to the Maranatha Food Pantry in Chambersburg, 42 bags of school supplies for the children at Building our Pride in Chambersburg (BOPIC), 50 cellular phones for Women In Need, and 2 bags of toiletries for Women In Need.

The important reason behind these drives is the fact that there are families in our area that may not have the resources to buy supplies for themselves, or their children. By mid-summer most food pantries are depleted. By donating to this cause it is clear to see that a little bit can go along way to help out someone in need.

ORGANIZATION DAY ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

Employees will enjoy a steak dinner, car and motorcycle show and games, raffles and entertainment during Organization Day at the Letterkenny Recreation Area.

Colonel Swenson will open the day with remarks at 12 noon. To enter your car or motorcycle or participate in the Archery competition, you must call MSGT Riley-Moore at 267-8604. The highest donations will determine the winning car and motorcycle with proceeds directed toward the depot Christmas party.

You can play volleyball, horseshoes and pitch depot leaders into the dunk tank while enjoying the entertainment of Letterkenny 2nd phase.

Tickets cost \$2 and are available within each directorate. Tickets are sold to maintain accurate food counts and ensure attendance.

Government employees are granted two hours of administrative leave to attend Organization Day festivities.

And the Winner is...

By Jessica Koerth, PAO Summer Student

On August 23, 2006 Letterkenny held the Woman's Equality Day Luncheon in the Great Room in Building 10. This was sponsored by Letterkenny's Special Emphasis Committee. Awards were handed out for Supervisor of the Year and Woman of the Year. The luncheon honors woman in the United States, past and present, that contribute to the right of equality. It has been a fight that woman across the country have been fighting for decades.

Their fight came about because of a few brave and courageous women in the beginning of the twentieth century. It was because of their sacrifice and bravery that the 19th Amendment was passed into law in 1920 giving woman in this country the right to vote. On August 22nd the Federally Employed Woman showed a viewing of the HBO original movie *Iron Jawed Angels* in building 10. The movie portrayed the efforts and sacrifice's that woman went through during the early 1900's while being led by Alice Paul.

REV Dr. Lois A. Waters was invited to speak at Wednesday's luncheon in celebration of the long way woman have come to secure their rights in this great nation of ours. She spoke of the many women, both past and present, that continue the fight for equality in the workplace. She spoke of the long way woman have come since the movement began. By 2008 48% of the workforce in this country will be comprised by women. This is a long way the movement has come seeing as how 110 years ago it was not even a consideration for woman to be in the workforce with men.

At the end of the luncheon the winners were announced for Woman of the Year and Supervisor of the Year. Brenda Earnest from the Directorate of Public Works was awarded Supervisor of the Year. Kim Russell from the Public Affairs Office was awarded Woman of the Year. The women were chosen after being nominated by their colleagues and peers in the workforce. The nominees were chosen for their hard work and dedication that they bring with them every day.

Letterkenny employees were invited to attend this luncheon and to participate in the celebration of the rights that woman have earned permanently fix their place inside the workforce. Congratulations to all nominees and winners.



Brenda Earnest, Federally Employed Women's selection as Supervisor of the Year.



Federally Employed Women pick Kim Russell as Woman of the Year.

Runners up for Woman of the Year were Sandra Blair, LEMC; Karen McKibben, DOC; Dawn Hamsher, CO-TO; Elizabeth Reasner, LEMC; Lindy Reed, DRSK; Sherlyn Rhule, DOIM; and Debbie Witherspoon, DOM.

Cheryl Hines, DPW and Lt. Robert Schneiderhan, DRSK were nominated for Supervisor of the Year.

CHRIS CULLEN IS NEW DLA REPRESENTATIVE AT LEAD

By Jessica Koerth, PAO Summer Student

Mr. Christopher Cullen has joined the Letterkenny team as the new DLA Customer Service Representative. He is currently working in Bldg. 370 on the second floor.



Before coming to Letterkenny, Mr. Cullen worked at Ft. Riley, Kansas in Customer Support Logistics working with operational personnel at Ft. Riley. He helped with everything from distribution of materials to clothing. During his time at Ft. Riley he worked closely with installation logisticians during Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments. Also, Mr. Cullen was stationed at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany where he worked for AMC to help increase the readiness of the 7th Corps Support Group, 181 Transportation Battalion Heavy Equipment Transporter, and increased the readiness for the CH-47 fleet of the 3rd Battalion 158th Regiment.

Mr. Cullen has been working for the Federal Government for twelve years in such areas as TACOM and AMC.

Before this, Mr. Cullen had served in the US Army for eleven years as a tracked vehicle repairman where he gained knowledge in the Army's maintenance and supply field.

Letterkenny appealed to Mr. Cullen for different reasons. One of the main reasons why he chose LEAD was because he is originally from New Jersey and this would bring him closer to his home state. That is not the only reason for his decision. This position gives Mr. Cullen different aspects of logistics. Before he had worked with the operations aspect but now this gives him the chance to see the manufacturing side of things.

During his career as a Letterkenny employee, Mr. Cullen will be the liaison between DLA and LEAD. This will give him the chance to work on the industrial side of the Army. Mr. Cullen hopes to get exposed to how depots work and get a better understanding of their missions.

Please welcome our new DLA Customer Rep. to the Letterkenny team.

LEMC Employee Awards



Steve Woods of LEMC was presented the Certificate of Achievement Award for his work in the SPARROW Demil Program by COL Todd Smith, Commander of Crane Army Ammunition Activity.



Tammy Keller also of LEMC was presented the Commanders Award for Civilian Service for her role as an Acting Leader in the SPARROW Demil Program by COL Todd Smith, Commander of Crane Army Ammunition Activity.

RISK MANAGEMENT ICON ELIMINATED

**By Ryan Mowery,
Directorate of Risk Management**

The Directorate of Risk Management has updated its method of maintaining personnel security files. The Lektreiver located in Building 2 Badge and Decal office was one of the first single primary filing systems that the directorate has used. The Lektreiver was the filing system for approximately 1,400 employee personnel security files and has stored 18 years worth of filing. Each file contained approximately twenty five sheets of paper which constitutes about 35,000 sheets of paper. The Lektreiver has now been eliminated.

The director, Mr. Charles Jenkins, initiated the project in February for all files to be scanned electronically, stored in a database on the server in Building 10 and backed-up nightly. SFC John Ramsey was instrumental in establishing the system and creating the database for scanning the files to enable this office to automate all personnel files. This eliminates the need to maintain a hard copy and also the space needed to store the files. Identified security personnel can access this information on any computer located on the installation. In the event of a fire all personnel files are now secure and cannot be destroyed or compromised.

The Lektriever was dismantled vacating desperately needed office space. The Lektriever has now been transferred to the Directorate of Supply and Transportation.

CARPOOLS

As people face the reality of \$3.00 per gallon gasoline prices, the suggestion has been made that carpooling may again be the answer, especially for employees driving 30 miles or more each way to work.

The depot has a carpool link to the depot intranet at <https://lettwsrivr4731.lead.army.mil/>

Where you can sign up and make carpool and ridesharing arrangements.

PEREZ PROMOTED TO CW3

By Jessica Koerth, PAO Summer Student

A promotion in the military is a very special occasion. You get the chance to reflect on everything that you have accomplished during your career. CW3 David Perez enjoyed this experience on July 6th when he was promoted from Chief Warrant Officer Two, to Chief Warrant Officer Three.

Chief Perez was born and raised in New York City in 1966. For the past fourteen years he has served in the New York Police Department as a Sergeant in their Narcotics Division in the borough of Brooklyn.

For the past twenty years Chief Perez has served in the Army. He completed six years active duty and has done fourteen years in the Army Reserve. After the events of September 11, 2001, Chief Perez served on several active duty tours including: the Middle East, Germany, Ft. Dix in New Jersey, and Ft Lee in Virginia.

Since January of 2006 he has been assigned to Letterkenny Army Depot as the Automatic Supply Retrieval System supervisor in Building 350. Chief Perez will be stationed at Letterkenny until March of 2007.



Depot Commander, Colonel Robert Swenson led the promotion ceremony in the Great Room in Building 10.

DEPOT EMPLOYEES HONORED WITH AWARDS

By Jessica Koerth, PAO Summer Student



On August 1, twelve Letterkenny Army Depot employees were presented with awards in the Great Room in Building 10.

The following employees were presented with Commander Awards for Civilian Service within Maintenance Teams. Mr. Arthur Abbott, Mr. Ronald Rife, and Mr. Ronald McAllen were presented with this award on behalf of their performance with the Systems Integration and Check Out (SICO) of the Hawk major items produced here at Letterkenny Army Depot. They were all part of the team that traveled to Turkey to assist in the efforts.

Employees were awarded the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service for assisting relief efforts of Hurricane Katrina. The personnel awarded were Stephen Barry and Edsel Eaton. Between September 10, 2005 and September 22, 2005 Mr. Barry and Mr. Eaton volunteered to travel to Ft. Polk, Louisiana to assist in repair of environmental control units on Force Provider. Because of their work both evacuees and relief workers had a place to live during the disaster.

Three other employees were awarded the Certificate of Commendation from SAMD for Supply and Transportation employees. They are the following: Marilyn Dick, Dennis Perry, and Terry St. Clair. This award is in recognition of their efforts to the Turkey Hawk Program and how professionally they overcame the obstacles.

Awards were presented to three other Letterkenny employees for their service. Mr. Daniel Brennan, Mr. William Nichols, Mr. Gerald Smith, and Mr. Dennis Webb were all

awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for their efforts in performing Ground TOW missile launcher modifications and repairs from May 7th through June 15th. The team traveled to Amman, Jordan where they applied their skills in the effort to upgrade 93 launchers which included 180 system verifications.

Finally, Gerald Smith also received a cash suggestion award.

LETTERKENNY HOSTS CONFERENCES

Letterkenny has been the host of various conferences this summer.

"Sustaining DOD's Aging Systems" was the theme of the Joint Technology Exchange Group. About 75 maintenance experts from around the country attend the three-day conference at the Orchards in Chambersburg. Mr. Greg Kilchenstein, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Material Readiness/Maintenance Policy was the keynote speaker. Deputy Commander, Dr. John Gray opened the conference with an overview of Letterkenny.

Wayne Brensinger hosted the group on a tour of Letterkenny on the last day of the conference.

During the last week in July, Letterkenny played host to a Patriot Recapitalization conference. Held at the Eisenhower Conference Center and Resort in Gettysburg, this conference is attended by representatives of government, Lower Tier Project Office, AMCOM IMMC, and Raytheon. The group met for three days to review Patriot recap. Since this group had toured Letterkenny in the past, Colonel Swenson, Depot Commander, arranged with Mr. Mike Lynch and LTC Robert Browne of the Army Heritage and Education Center to give a comprehensive tour of the Gettysburg battlefield.

In August, Fred Moxley will coordinate the annual GETS Users Conference. This is attended by national and international users of this GETS testing equipment and is held at Four Points Sheraton in Chambersburg.

BOY SCOUTS AWARDED COINS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Dawn Hamsher

Four Boy Scouts from Troop 138 joined Letterkenny volunteers for the Summer School Supplies and Food Drive on July 25-26, 2006. COL Swenson presented Commander's Coins to Alex and Adam Fennen, Geoffrey Cooper and Austin Fogal as a thank you for their participation. Letterkenny hopes that Troop 138 will also participate in future drives. Their focus on community service is appreciated and helps many local people.

The Summer Drive benefited 300 local children at Building Our Pride in Chambersburg (BOPIC), supplying them with much needed school supplies for the upcoming school year. The drive also benefited the Maranatha Food Pantry by helping them rebuild their pantry after the recent flooding of their building. The pantry's grand-reopening helped over 100 Chambersburg area families.



COL Swenson presents coins to Alex and Adam Fennen, Geoffrey Cooper and Austin Fogal.

911 SERVICE AT LEAD CHAPEL

A service commemorating the fifth anniversary of September 11th will be held at the Letterkenny Chapel on Sunday, September 10th.

Doug Warnock, a former Letterkenny environmental employee, who now works at the Pentagon and was there during the attack will speak at the 4 p.m. service to share and reflect on readiness and awareness.

The service is open to the public.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

The Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (PA-West), **Mr. John Spisso**, brought a group of veterans and spouses to learn more about Letterkenny on August 21. They received a depot overview briefing by **COL Swenson** and toured the HMMWV line, and enjoyed a windshield tour of the depot before going to lunch at the local Amvets.

The August edition of Faith Magazine ran an article titled People of Faith. It featured **JoAnn and Jim Booher** reporting that they have led the "God's Special Ones Sunday School Class; a class that is specially tailored to meet the needs of those with mental and physical handicaps in the area. They have taught this class since joining the Open Door Church in 1975. JoAnn works in the Directorate of Maintenance and Jim recently retired from the Directorate of Public Works.

Mr. Courtney "Steve" Brown has been appointed Director of Information Management.

55TH ANNUAL LETTERKENNY REUNION

ORIGINAL LANDOWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF LETTERKENNY

The **55th Annual** "Letterkenny Reunion" of the original landowners and residents of Letterkenny will be held:

WHEN: 16 September 2006

WHERE: HUB, Letterkenny Army Depot

TIME: 1:00 PM (Doors Open at 12:00 PM)

Everyone is asked to bring at least 1 hot and 1 cold dish. Tableware will be furnished.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. There will be lots of good old stories from "yester year" and a photo display.

A short business meeting will follow lunch. (a donation/ collection will be taken to help defer cost to continue with the reunion)



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August 2, 2006

Col Robert Swenson
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Dear Colonel Swenson;

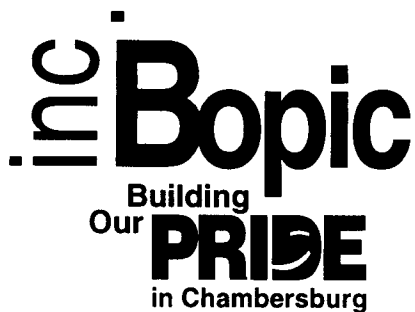
On behalf of Maranatha Ministries and the needy in our community I want to thank you very much for the food we received through the generous efforts of the employees of your base. Dawn Hasher, coordinated the food drive; her kindness and generous spirit will be remembered.

Following the flood in June our food pantry, clothing and furniture bank was devastated. After much prayer we have started over because we see the need is increasing for supplemental food for individuals and families of poverty level. Yesterday, we reopened the food pantry and served 100 individuals in the first hour.


Again, I thank you for supporting our agency and allowing us to continue our mission of helping one another.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Holtry
Director, Maranatha Food Pantry



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COL Robert Swenson
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August 8, 2006

Dear Commander Swenson:

Please consider this letter as our thank you for the donation(s) of school supplies and book bags that were presented to our children by the Letterkenny Employees and the EEO Special Emphasis Committee.

This Summer we enrolled approximately three hundred and sixty (360) children in our *Summer Enrichment Program*, and provided breakfast, lunch, and a snack to approximately six hundred and fifty (650) children enrolled within other Summer programs through out the County, with our *Summer Nutrition Program*. We were also able to provide a *Summer Tutoring Program* to all children enrolled within grades 2 through 5 with a partnership developed by the Chambersburg School District. We gave each child enrolled within the Tutoring Program a book bag, with ample supplies, as a reward for their achievements. The remaining supplies were distributed to all the children enrolled in all grades which included Head Start, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Grades and up. We received numerous praises and thank you from the children and their parents for your donations and generosity.

Again, on behalf of the children and our Board of Directors, we sincerely thank you for assisting us with our endeavors. You are a true example of our belief that "It takes a Village to raise a Child".

Sincerely yours,


Jack V. Jones, President
Board of Directors



www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil/freedomwalk

America Supports You Freedom Walk

- Every year since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Department of Defense (DOD) has organized a commemoration for our victims, survivors and their families, and has recognized our military men and women who serve this nation. Last year on 9-11, DoD organized the first *America Supports You Freedom Walk* that began at the Pentagon and culminated on the National Mall.
- More than 15,000 people, including family members of the 9-11 victims, members of Congress, administration officials, federal workers, corporate employees, civic organizations, and citizens from around the country walked to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on 9-11 and to thank our veterans, past and present, for protecting our freedom.
- This year, DOD will once again host the *America Supports You Freedom Walk* in Washington, DC, on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Cities all across America are organizing their own *America Supports You Freedom Walks* to create an appropriate experience for communities to strengthen one another and show support to those personally affected by 9-11.
- The *Freedom Walks* will be developed and organized by local leaders and volunteers and funded by local businesses and organizations. They will not be a platform to discuss the policy of the war, but will be a platform to reflect on the sacrifices of 9-11, renew our commitment to freedom and to express our appreciation for the men and women who volunteer to serve in the military.
- *America Supports You* is an ongoing nationwide program launched by DoD to recognize citizens' support for our military men and women and to communicate that support to members of our armed forces and their families at home and abroad. Since its launch in November 2004, the program has welcomed more than 225 grassroots organizations and more than 25 corporate team members. To plan a *Freedom Walk* or learn how to become involved, visit our website at www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil/freedomwalk.

